



## The Blue Devil Newsletter



### From the Desk of Superintendent Joseph Siefke

Dear Parents and Community Members,

The Lisbon Exempted Village School District is excited and eager to begin educating our children in the community this fall. We are prepared for a number of ways to educate our students from in-person, remote and hybrid instructional formats. Our goal this year is to provide the best possible instructional opportunities while maintaining an environmentally friendly facility during the COVID19 pandemic. We have worked to mitigate the virus through various protocols. The mask order is in effect district wide and we ask that if your child has a condition that prohibits the wearing of a mask, you provide the appropriate documentation to the building principals. We understand that the safety in wearing the mask may also include individuals that have other health issues that may prohibit them from this Ohio Department of Health Order. The district has secured many other protective measures against the spread of COVID19.

In preparing plans to open Lisbon Schools, we want to assure you that the safety of our students and staff is a top priority. The district is working with the Columbiana Health Department regarding health and safety protocols. With COVID-19, things are constantly changing and plans for the school year can change with little notice. We have added additional safety measures as well as preparing for the possibility of a building closures or modifying schedules. We will work to encompass foreseeable circumstances while being committed to providing a high-quality education for every student to ensure continued academic success.

#### **Daily Temperature Check**

Thermal imaging technology takes the temperature of everyone who enters the school buildings. Temperatures appears on the screen; a "green light" indicates they are good to go or if a person has a temperature of 100 or above, a "red warning" will appear with the message "Stop, do not enter." When a red warning occurs, an

individual will go directly to a designated room to see the nurse. The device also recognizes if someone isn't wearing a mask.

### **Hand Sanitizer**

Hand sanitizer will be readily available in the hallways for students and staff. All areas will be frequently cleaned and sanitized, especially high-touch areas. This includes all classrooms including where students come and go from specials, lunch, and recess.

### **Cleaning Solution**

Each classroom will have a spray bottle of cleaning solution that can be used to clean an area after usage. We have hired extra staff during the day at both buildings to clean contact areas.

### **Electrostatic Disinfectants**

Custodians will use the Electrostatic Disinfectant Machines to clean every classroom as well as hallways after hours. The machines will also be used to clean school buses between pickups and dismissals at both buildings.

### **Dividers**

The district has secured dividers for lunch tables and other areas necessary to reduce the potential of an exposure to illness.

The building principals and teaching staff will be providing important information to students and parents about the responsibilities necessary to remain open during this fall. One of the biggest measures to keep illness out of our schools is that parents/guardians monitor for symptoms and check temperatures daily before sending their children to school. If your child has any symptoms of illness, please do not send them to school and seek medical attention.

The welfare of your child is as important to the whole system as it is to you at home. We are in this together, and we all must team up to keep the entire school free from COVID19 and other common diseases. Your help is critical in our success.

I hope that everyone stays safe and well, while having a successful school year. I look forward to seeing each of you in the near future.

Thank you,  
Joseph Siefke  
Superintendent Lisbon Schools

# Blue Devils Newsletters in Print

## How to get printed newsletters

For those Blue Devils who would like a printed version of the district newsletter, print from the Website link below or please contact Patty Smith via phone at 330-424-7714 or via email at [Patty.Smith@omeres.net](mailto:Patty.Smith@omeres.net)



Newsletter on Website

## [Update from our School Nurse](#)

### Lisbon Exempted Village School District Nurses Office

Today I would like to share some of the changes your children will see in the nurse's office. I have been working with the Columbiana County Health Department and using the guidance from the CDC and Ohio Department of Health to put measures in place to help keep our students, families, and staff safe and healthy. The Columbiana County Schools Common Reopening Agreement is asking all parents to do **Daily Health Assessments** prior to sending your children to school. Symptoms range from mild to severe and may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Children may experience any, all, or none of these. Having these symptoms does not confirm Covid-19. **Please report all illnesses to the school nurse and keep your child home for any of the symptoms listed below. Please call the nurse to determine their return date. Your child will not be permitted to return to class after an absence without speaking with the nurse first.**

- Fever >100, chills or repeated shaking
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

### ***What happens if my child becomes sick at school?***

Students who are not feeling well will be sent to see the nurse as before, but now there will be 2 rooms for the nurse. One for well visits and one for students who are not feeling well. Students in both offices will wear masks and be distanced. Students will be sent home for any of the above listed symptoms. Please keep their online Emergency Medical Forms updated with names and numbers of people who are able to pick up your child if needed.

### ***When can my child return to school after an illness?***

All students having any of the above symptoms will follow the same Protocol from the Columbiana County Health Department regardless of whether the symptoms began at home or at school. There are different paths to follow based on what symptoms your child is experiencing. Isolation time can be 10 days or 24 hours.

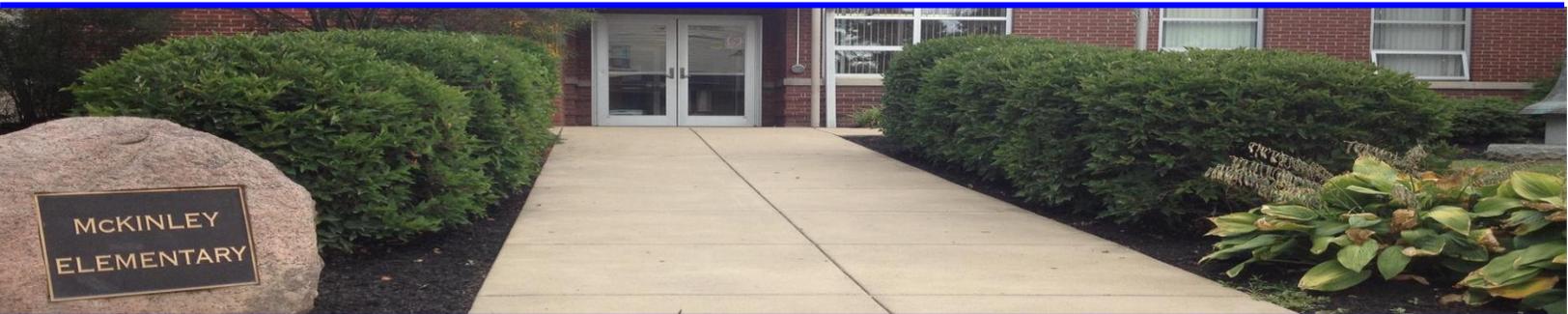
Both paths require the following to return:

1. Fever free for 24 hours (less than 100 without use of Tylenol or Advil)
2. Improvement of symptoms for last 24 hours
3. **OR** - Seen by your Healthcare provider. They may return with a note that **includes the date they may return.**
4. Please call the school nurse to discuss their return to school. The child must be transported to the school by the parent or caregiver and must be checked in by the nurse.

Please notify the school if your child has been exposed or if a family member has been diagnosed with Covid-19. Any positive cases will then be managed by the Health Department.

While I understand the above measures may not be easy, we must take all precautions to protect everyone. As I partner together with you and the Columbiana County Health Department to meet the challenges ahead, I am here for any questions/concerns you may have. We must all be flexible in the days ahead as new guidance is given from the Ohio Department of Health, Governor Dewine, and the CDC.

## **News from McKinley Elementary**



Principal Mr. Daniel Kemats

### **McKinley Elementary**

Things certainly have changed in a year's time. This time last year, we were looking forward to Grandparent's Breakfast, McKinley Night at a Lisbon Football Game and the upcoming Johnny Appleseed Festival. Now we are wearing masks, social distancing and washing and sanitizing our desks and hands frequently. As McKinley rolls into the 2020-21 school year, we want to keep our students and staff as safe as possible, but also continue to create an enjoyable learning environment. We are thinking outside the box as to how to continue with some of the events we have held in the past, but in a different way. Whether you are joining us in class in the building, or remotely from home, we are looking to have another great school year with lots of learning, fun and excitement.

Our first 9 week grading period is under way, and Progress Report will be coming home with students on Friday, September 25. This will be followed by Parent / Teacher Conferences on Thursday, October 1st, and no school for students or staff on Friday, October 2nd. Please do not feel you need to wait until Parent / Teacher Conferences if you need to speak with your child's teachers about academic progress, or any other topics. Staff will always be available to get in touch with you via phone or email. We want to continue to foster Home/School communication between our staff and our families.

Make every effort to talk with your child each day about their school day. Spend 20 minutes a night reading to or with them, and spend some time writing and working on math skills. A quick 5 minutes of flash cards a night can greatly improve math fluency. The school needs of our students during this pandemic have been on our minds and are important to us, and we want to see them thrive.

### AM Drop Off and PM Pick Up

I'd like to once again thank the parents in the morning and afternoon with pick-up and drop-off of students. Everyone's patience is greatly appreciated. Some changes have occurred to these procedures and through the first few weeks of school, they seem to be working well.

- Please do not drop off students before 8:30 AM each morning... earlier than that and students are unsupervised... too late and they're tardy (Tardy Bell rings at 8:50) Students on the sidewalk waiting to come into the building are recommended to socially distance themselves.
- Please do not drop off students anywhere other than the Cafeteria Doors in the morning between 8:30-8:50...this is where we have supervision during this time. Adults should enter through the main office and sign in if they need to come into the building.
- If your student is eating breakfast at McKinley, drop them off as early as possible to give them time to eat before heading to class
- Please **do not bring pets** to school in the AM/PM, as it sometimes presents dangers/uncomfortable situations with younger students – Please leave them at home. Thank you.
- If you're picking up your student(s) from school, please be at the school no later than 3:00. The Pick Up door at the cafeteria is only for PreK students, and students in grades

### Nurse's Station

As the temperature turns colder, please be sure that your student dresses appropriately for the weather. We will always encourage recess, even as the temps turn cooler.

If you have not yet **updated your student OneView**, please do so as soon as possible. If you have not yet registered, we do not have updated or current Emergency Medical information for this school year. Along with the medical form, parents can complete

student Tylenol forms, Technology Acceptable Use Policy, Photo Consent Form and Field Trip Permission Slips, as well as update changes in address or phone contact from home. If you need your child's login information, contact the school secretary. The website link is below.

<https://lisbon.esvportal.com>

### PTO

The **McKinley Elementary PTO** is looking to bring unique and innovative methods and adjust their role for our students during this pandemic. With less volunteers needed in the building, and all during the school day and after school events postponed until further notice, the PTO is still coming up with ways to be there for the students of McKinley Elementary.

This year's PTO officers include President - Casey Pancurak; Vice President - Brook Faulk; and Treasurer - Debbie Fonner. Meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month at 4:00 PM in the McKinley Cafeteria. Contact a PTO officer if you have ideas or thoughts for the building, or come to a meeting just to sit and listen if you like. For more information on how to become involved please contact us at [mckinleyempto@gmail.com](mailto:mckinleyempto@gmail.com). We are also on Facebook! Like us to get the most current information and updates.

### **McKinley Elementary Videos – Click on the Videos Below to Watch**

#### **McKinley Elementary 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School**



#### **McKinley Elementary Welcome Back!**



## News from David Anderson Jr. Sr. High School



### Principal Keith Edenfield

The school year has begun and we welcome back all of our DAHS students whether they are taking advantage of the in-person or remote learning options. Keeping the health and safety of our students and staff in mind, changes have been made to almost every school routine; including the procedure for transitioning between classes. We appreciate the efforts and flexibility of our students, their families, and the DAHS staff for making the start of the 2020-2021 school year a successful one!

While the start of the school year has seen many changes, we are doing our best to offer as many of the same opportunities to students now as we have in the past. One of these is the PSAT Test. The PSAT will be given to any 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, or 12<sup>th</sup> grade student, wishing to participate, on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.

We continue to enjoy the activities and events we are able to provide during the Fall season. 23 seniors participating in Marching Band, Cheerleading, and Football were recognized pre-game of the football Senior Night versus United on Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> and 6 senior participating in Cross Country, Golf, and Volleyball were recognized pre-game of the volleyball Senior Night versus Valley Christian on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. The Homecoming football game is on October 2<sup>nd</sup> versus Columbiana.

The first nine week interim reports will be distributed on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Parent-teacher conferences will take place from 3-9 pm on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>. There is no school for students on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The next parent-teacher conference date is scheduled for February 11<sup>th</sup>. However, conferences can be held with your child's teacher at any time during the school year. Please do not hesitate to contact your son's or daughter's teacher to arrange for a conference prior to October 1<sup>st</sup>.

[David Anderson High School Videos – Click on the Videos Below to Watch](#)

